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Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
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THE TENSION RISES UP AGAIN!
LUCILLE AND THE OTHERS ARE ON THE RUN BECAUSE OF A CRIME THEY DIDN'T COMMIT
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KAORI YUKI PRESENTS

ASSASSIN-ATION!
ORCHESTRE ROYAL MURDERED DUKE RHODONITE!
CATCH AND EXECUTE THEM!
THE HEAD, LUCILLE AND HIS WHOLE GANG...!
WE WERE STAGED...!
BY BERTHIE... NO...!

BEHIND HIM STANDS THE ENORMOUS ILL-WILL OF THOSE MONSTERS...!
LUCILLE... KILLED RHODONITE...?
THAT'S RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY, QUEEN GEMSILICA...!
CLINK!
BRING HIM HERE... BRING LUCILLE TO ME!
B-BUT...!
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME, MASTER MORION
EARL STILBITE, HEAD OF THE HOLY ORCHESTRE ROYAL

YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT COOK WILL CATCH THEM
WE SHOULDN'T MAKE THE QUEEN WAIT
THAT'S RIGHT
BRING HIM HERE BY ALL MEANS
AS YOU WISH!
COOK! BRING SOME TEA.
SO HE WANTS TO RUN AWAY FROM ME AGAIN...
LUCILLE IS IT BECAUSE OF THAT GIRL...?
I WON'T LET HIM DO SUCH A THING...!

I'LL NEVER LET HIM BE FREE...!
...
WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE?!
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SEEMS LIKE THE ORCHESTRE ROYAL IS AN ARMED BUNCH WHO TOURS ROUND
THEY OFFER VERY GOOD MONEY EVEN JUST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR LOCATION

SLAM !!!
SHUCK
AREN'T YOU HOT IN THOSE COATS, DEAR GUESTS?
WEREN'T THEY SOME ATROCIOUS BUNCH OF ROBBERS AND KILLERS?
SEEMS LIKE A VERY GRIM BUSINESS TO ME
Working as an undercover?
BUT IT SURE WAS A SURPRISE THAT KOHAKU HAD SO MANY FRIENDS!
AND I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE A CHILDHOOD FRIEND AT SUCH A BACKWATER TOWN...
Can't you see we want you to go away?!
IT'S BECAUSE I LEFT BEFORE THAT HAPPENED! DID YOU COME TO CHECK UP ON THE REMAINS?
YEAH, MAYBE, IF I FEEL LIKE IT.
Flick-flick
THE TOWN WE USED TO LIVE IS JUST NEARBY, STRAIGHT AHEAD!
WEIRDO...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
SO MY OLD HAUNTS HAPPENED TO BE NEARBY. THE TOWN USED TO BE A BASE OF THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT RESISTANCE.
ALTHOUGH THAT DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE, THE GOVERNMENT MANAGED TO STOMP IT
THAT WAS THE EXCUSE FOR MY ARREST, TOO
WELL, IT AFFORDS US A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.
SHOULD I DISBAND ORCHESTRE ROYAL HERE...?

SAY WHAT?!
WELL,
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE TOGETHER BECAUSE WE LIKE EACH OTHER. SO NOW THAT IT HAS COME TO THIS, NONE OF YOU WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE OTHERS ANYMORE, RIGHT?
WITH CHARGES AS GREAT AS THE MURDER OF A MEMBER OF THE HIGH ARISTOCRACY, THE DEATH SENTENCE IS UNAVOIDABLE.
BESIDES, IN THIS SITUATION, PAYING THE BAIL FOR YOU TWO IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
WE STAND OUT TOO MUCH TOGETHER, SO IT'S BEST IF EVERY MAN RUN AWAY FOR HIMSELF, RIGHT?
WAIT!
WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN—?

IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL GO TO LE SENAT ON YOUR OWN TO LOOK FOR THE BLACK ORATORIO, RIGHT?
ISN'T THAT SO, LUCILLE? YOU NEED IT TO SAVE THE QUEEN, DON'T YOU?
THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO CUT YOURSELF OFF FROM US RIGHT NOW?
BECAUSE IT WILL BE TOO DANGEROUS?

IN OTHER WORDS, BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO INVOLVE US IN YOUR PERSONAL ISSUES?
HAHAH!
I JUST GOT TIRED OF BABYSITTING SOME CRIMINALS AND LUNATICS, THAT'S ALL
LUCILLE!
SPLA
STI

AWAKE NOW?
YOU SAID WE WEREN'T A REAL ORCHESTRA EXCEPT DURING OUR PERFORMANCES BECAUSE
KOHAKU AND GWIN COULDN'T OPEN UP THEIR HEARTS BECAUSE OF THEIR BONDS TO THE PAST... BUT THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.
YOU JUST DON'T TRUST US, LUCILLE!
That's the second time you've splashed me with water.
You...

I KNOW IT WAS BECAUSE THEY FELT YOU ARE A GREAT MAN, AND BY BEING WITH YOU, THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
EVERYONE HAS SOME THINGS THEY WANT TO HIDE AND HAVE A PAST THEY DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS
BESIDES, EVERYONE HAS HAD MANY CHANCES TO ESCAPE BEFORE, BUT THEY DIDN'T DO IT
WEREN'T YOU THE ONE
WHO SAID YOU NEEDED MY SOUND?!
AND WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO LEAD US ON THE ROAD, TO A STAGE,
FOR PERFORMING MIRACLES AMONGST APPLAUSES AND CHEERS?

THIS WAY, YOU JUST ABANDON US, USING AS A SHIELD THE EXCUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO GET US INVOLVED
LIKE YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE AND ALWAYS WILL DO.
SPINEL!
Glare
DAMN IT, NOTHING GOOD CAN COME OUT OF DRAGGING MYSELF WITH PEOPLE LIKE YOU
LUCILLE!
DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF BEFORE SHE DUMPS YOU
Startle
FORTUNATELY, MY NAME IS NOT IN THE ARREST WARRANT. IF YOU DON'T MIND,
I'M GOING BACK TO THE CAPITAL

SPI—
OR ELSE, I'LL DUMP YOU, TOO.
WHA...?!
?!
THAT WOMAN'S CHARACTER CHANGED COMPLETELY!
She ran away!

SPINEL!
I WON'T REPORT ANYTHING ABOUT YOU.
I'VE DECIDED TO WATCH OVER HIM IN A DIFFERENT WAY.
I'LL MAKE SURE FROM NOW ON I NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF LUCILLE.
RELAX
THEN... YOU AREN'T MAD AT HIM ANYMORE!
I AM MAD AT HIM, BUT...
I ALSO DECIDED TO FORGIVE HIM FOR HIS WEAKNESS

LONG AGO...
MY PARENTS WANTED TO PUT MY VOICE TO USE AND SO THEY SOLD ME... AND THAT'S WHEN I MET LUCILLE
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE ACCEPTED ME, WHO HAD GIVEN UP ON HUMANITY AND WAS READY TO DO ANYTHING TO SURVIVE
BUT NOW I THINK... MAYBE LUCILLE NEEDED ME, TOO
AND MAYBE...
NOW HE'S USING YOU, TOO
IN ORDER TO LIVE.

MAYBE THIS IS ...
WILL YOU STILL FOLLOW HIM, KNOWING THIS?
I GO WITH HIM BECAUSE I WANT TO BE WITH HIM
YES!
THEN WORK AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
BECAUSE
I DON'T INTEND TO LOSE, TOO!
Y-YOU'LL SEE HOW MUCH I WILL GROW UP!
WAH...!

SPINEL...!
HEH...
HAHAHA!

GWINDEL!
ME, TOO. AFTER I'VE SAID FAREWELL TO RHODONITE, I'M READY TO GO ALL THE WAY TO THE END.
THE MELODIES I'VE PERFORMED FOR THE PEOPLE WHO SACRIFICED MY DAUGHTER AND ME ARE STILL NOT ENOUGH!
I CAN'T THROW TO WASTE THE POWER I RECEIVED FROM THE REAL OWNER OF THESE TWO ARMS WHO USED TO BE A GENIUS CELLO PLAYER
WAS I WRONG...?
YES. I AM AFRAID OF SHOWING MY REAL SELF...
BUT... MAYBE THIS TIME I CAN GO ON WITHOUT LOSING MYSELF...?

What's this supposed to be...
YOU'RE ALIVE... AND YOU EVEN DARE SHOW YOUR FACE HERE AGAIN!
Grandpa!
EVEN AFTER THE TOWN AND EVERYTHING WERE WIPED OUT BECAUSE OF YOU!
KOHAKU!
GRANDPA...
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS ..!
GO ON AHEAD WITHOUT ME
Oops
AH, ALL RIGHT...

HEH
WHAT A FORSAKEN PLACE...
...!
STAY AWAY!
GRANDPA!
YOU SUNK SO LOW AS TO BECOME THE QUEEN'S DOG!
WE HAVE NOTHING HERE FOR INFECTED SCUM LIKE YOU!

ALSO, THANKS TO IT, WHEN GUIGNOLS APPROACH, I CAN GET READY TO FIGHT OR FLEE IN ADVANCE
THANKS TO THE WOUND I GOT FROM THE PRINCESS THAT TIME, EVEN THE COLOR OF MY EYES CHANGED THAT'S TRUE
WHAT ?
I HEARD THAT'S WHY SHE BECAME A GUIGNOL ON PURPOSE
THE PRINCESS MUST'VE HATED YOU VERY MUCH
BUT I WAS CAPTURED AND THANKS TO THE DEMONIC RESEARCH OF THE COURT,
THIS SIDE OF ME WAS BROUGHT BACK IT SEEMS MY BODY CAN COEXIST WITH THE VIRUS

COULD BE TRUE...?
BECAUSE SHE WAS OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA THAT ALL OF HER MISFORTUNES WERE MY FAULT...
I WANTED TO SEE YOU...
...
WAS SHE WRONG?

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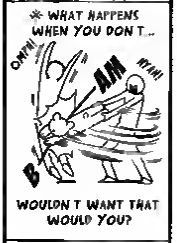

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YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP THAT VIOLIN!
THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE TROUBLED BY THAT DEMONIC SOUND WHICH BEWILDERS THE GUIGNOLS.
IF YOU CAN LEAVE ALL THAT BEHIND YOU...
WELL, THEN, COME TO MY HOUSE...
IF GRANDPA SAYS SO WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN!
YOU'LL BE MY BIG BROTHER AGAIN!

WHAT?
SO YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME, KID?
WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU HERE!
IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT WHY THE MELODIES YOU MAKE EXIST
SEARCH FOR YOUR ANSWER WITH US, ON A TRIP TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD
I'LL SHOW YOU THE TRUTH
FORGET THAT!
WHAT'S THIS PLACE?!
KOHAKU!

THERE USED TO BE A TOWN THERE.
UNTIL THE "THE DIVINE LIGHTNING" CAME...
FOR AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, MY FATHER WAS TAKING ME FROM ONE TOWN TO ANOTHER TO PERFORM
THAT CHILD! WHAT MELODIES CAN HE MAKE AND HE'S STILL SO YOUNG! IT'S JUST AS THE RUMOR HAVE SAID...
THE GUIGNOLS STOPPED THEY'RE SINGING...!
WHAT A FEARSOME POWER... IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE WHY THE MISTRESS IS SO INTERESTED IN HIM...!

DEAR MOTHER .. I WANT THAT WHITE VIOLIN.
YOU MUST BE RIGHT TRAVELER!
YOU'LL RECEIVE AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU PLEASE, SO HAND OVER THE VIOLIN—
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.
WITH IT, I THINK THAT EVEN I CAN PLAY BEAUTIFULLY.
BOTH THIS VIOLIN AND THE SOUND IT MAKES ARE MY TRADEMARK AND I'VE WORKED FOR IT WITHOUT EVEN SLEEPING.
AND MOST OF ALL, SOMEONE WITH NO "GIFT" CAN'T PLAY LIKE I DO

WHA...!
OPEN THE CAGE!
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME SO BADLY, THEN SHOW ME!
SHOW ME HOW GREAT YOUR "GIFT" IS!
SFX: OPENS
WAAH!
!
LAST
Wobble
Step

DEAR MOTHER, THIS IS SO BORING!
LET'S HAVE SOME TEA INSTEAD!
WHAT, YOU CAN'T PROTECT ANYONE BUT YOURSELF?!
I WONDER IF THAT MAN WAS REALLY MY FATHER?
EVEN IF HE WASN'T, HE WAS THE ONLY HOME I KNEW—
YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE
Hahaha
GLARE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT. GET OUT OF HERE!

DO YOU WANT TO COME LIVE WITH US? IT'S ALL RIGHT ONE KID MORE OR LESS ISN'T A PROBLEM.
THE PROBLEM IS THAT PRINCESS FORGETS TOO QUICKLY BUT YOU'RE STRANGE ONE, TOO, KIDDO!
IF YOU WANT REVENGE,
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US?
OUR TARGET IS THE QUEEN, BUT FIRST, SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT THAT DEMON OF A MISTRESS
WE'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO FIGHT.
KOHAKU! LEAVE THOSE PEOPLE!
THEY ARE ANTI-GOVERNMENT EXTREMISTS!

I'M SORRY, GRANDPA, BUT I DON'T MIND BEING USED AS CANNON FODDER.
BANG
BANG
BANG
FOUND HER! THE PRINCESS IS OVER THERE!
Bla
st
AND IT'S NOT AS IF I'M TRYING TO TAKE REVENGE FOR MY FATHER'S DEATH
MAYBE
THE ONLY THING I WANTED WAS TO SEE THAT WOMAN CRY...
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THAT'S SO MUCH LIKE YOU

SHE'S A PRISONER NOW I CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT WITH HER.
YOU'LL GET CAUGHT SOONER OR LATER
Cyun-cyun!
AT FIRST, I HAD TO THREATEN HER THAT I'D CUT OFF HER TONGUE, BUT THEN SHE STARTED TO ASK FOR PRESENTS IN RETURN.
WEIRD WOMAN, YOU'D NEVER IMAGINE WHAT SHE WANTED. IT WAS HARD TO—
fluff
fluff
fluff
YOU FINALLY CAME
I WANTED TO SEE YOU
IF I ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT YOU, I COULD ENDURE ANYTHING...

BITE
I DON'T REMEMBER VERY WELL WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT.
THE CASTLE WAS SURROUNDED BY THE COURT'S ARMY, THEN "THE DIVINE LIGHTNING" BURNED UP THE TOWN AND THAT'S ALL.
WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?
Actually, if you don't the soldiers kill you.
WOMEN ARE SCARY
JUST THE PAIN SHE LEFT ME
DO ME A FAVOR AND AT LEAST YOU NEVER TURN INTO A MONSTER ALL RIGHT?

USELESS PEOPLE HAVE TO DIE...
WHY DID WE SEND YOU ON RECONNAISSANCE IF YOU JUST SAT AND WATCHED ORCHESTRE ROYAL KILL DUKE RHODONITE BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES?
AND WE PUT THAT DEATH DROP-OUT IN THE MASKED DIVISION ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION!
THAT'S...
...!
IT WAS COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THEY'D GO AND KILL HIM?
WELL, WHATEVER. THE REST OF THE WORK YOU'VE DONE IS ALL RIGHT, AFTER ALL.
Flick

BUT YOU MUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES
YOUR NEXT MISSION IS TO CATCH LUCILLE AND THE BUNCH BEFORE ANYONE ELSE
IF YOU CAN'T, THEN KILL THEM WITHOUT HESITATION WE ONLY NEED LUCILLE.

WHY... ? IT WASN'T REALLY THE ORDER OF LE SÉNAT, WAS IT?!
AND YOU TOLD ME I COULD KILL HIM, YOU IDIOT!
WELL, WASN'T IT SO MUCH MORE FUN THAT WAY?

I ALWAYS WANT TO SEE LUCILLE'S TROUBLED EXPRESSION
I WANT TO DRIVE HIM INTO THE CORNER EVEN MORE... UNTIL HE'S SORRY HE REJECTED ME
I WANT HIM TO KNOW THERE ARE NO ROADS TO SALVATION LEFT IN THIS WORLD ANYMORE
THIS WON'T DO, BERTHIE
I WANT HIM TO HAVE NO OTHER CHANCE LEFT BUT TO TAKE MY HAND
IN A WORLD ONLY FOR THE TWO OF US, I WANT HIM TO SING ONLY FOR ME!
I CAN'T STAY WITH YOU ANYMORE.
I'M SCARED OF YOU.
AND ANOTHER THING...

SFX: STAB
I FINALLY GAVE YOU A CHANCE OF REVENGE AGAINST RHODONITE AND HOW DO YOU REPAY ME? AH, YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND MY PARENTAL LOVE
"IDIOT" IS NOT THE WAY TO ADDRESS YOUR SAVIOR!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY "MY LORD" OR "MASTER"?
I... AM VERY... SORRY...
PLEASE...
FORGIVE ME!

WELL NOW,
NO TIME TO LAZE AROUND, MR. BATTY! ♥
YES, YES, BEING MEEK IS THE WAY TO GO ♥
SFX: DROP
YOU...!
ACTUALLY, THOSE TWO KILLED HIM, RIGHT?
IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE AIMING FOR?

NOWADAYS, THE WORLD FEARS THE GUIGNOLS, FEARS THE QUEEN'S JUDGMENT, "THE DIVINE LIGHTNING"...
IT LIVES SHAKING IN FEAR. SOON, THIS WILL TURN INTO HATE TOWARDS THE QUEEN AND WILL SPRING FORTH
I'M SAYING, WE'LL FINALLY SEE THE WORTH OF HAVING LIVED FOR SO LONG...
HEHEHEH, WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN...?
AND THEN THE REIGN WE HAVE BEEN WAITING AND WISHING FOR WILL BEGIN...
"THE DIVINE LIGHTNING"... THE FEARSOME WRATH OF GOD, COMING FROM THE SKIES...
SYMBOL OF THE COURT'S JUDGMENT AND THE AWE BEFORE THE QUEEN
I CAN'T BELIEVE SUCH GREAT FORCE EXIST!

I GUESS KOHAKU IS NOT COMING...
SHALL WE GET GOING?
THE PURSUERS MUST BE APPROACHING
WHAT...? ARE YOU LEAVING HIM?!
IF THAT'S WHAT HE DECIDED IT'S WHERE HE BELONGS, AFTER ALL...
YANK
IT WILL BE A LITTLE LONELY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO FORCE HIM TO COME
HOW CAN HE...!
LUCILLE...!

WAH!
GUIGNOL!
WE WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME TO SAVE—
THAT SOUND...!

Stop
!
KOHAKU!?!
SFX BANG
DAMN IT, GUYS !
YOUR WHOLE BUNCH CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT WITHOUT ME

GRANDPA!
YO! SEE YOU AGAIN!
KOHAKU!!
THE SOUND OF THIS VIOLIN IS PART OF ME THAT I CAN'T JUST THROW AWAY!
EVEN IF IT'S AN ABOMINABLE SOUND WHICH MAKES THE DEAD MOVE!
THE ORCHESTRA NEEDS MY MUSIC, SO I HERE I AM!

WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY AGAIN, COME BACK
BEFORE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE TASTE OF MY KISCH
KOHAKU
YOU'LL SHOW ME, RIGHT? YOU'LL SHOW ME HOW THE BLACK ORATORIO OR WHATEVER CAN REALLY CHANGE THE QUEEN
AND HOW THE WORLD WILL CHANGE FOR GOOD? WILL YOU?

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU
WELCOME BACK HOME, KOHAKU
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET ME AS LONG AS YOU LIVE
I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A KISS
THE BOTTOM OF MY EYE...
IT HURTS LIKE HELL, DAMN IT...
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